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Mr. Thomas J. Kelley, Asst. Dir.
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Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Mr. Kelley,

It is simply outrageous that you delayed a month and a week in replying to my letter of June 2 and then did not do what the law requires of you on what I specifically requested. Such undeviating and deliberate misconduct by your agency cannot but feed the suspecions its own record has more than warranted.

It is outrageous because you did precisely what I asked you not to. I did not write the Secret Service until having been entirely improperly held in limbo by the National Archives and other agencies of government for almost a half year. The second sentence of the second paragraph of my letter anticipated and responded to what you did. It is an unavoidable probability that this inordinate delay in writing a very brief letter of but three dozen words was but a further deliberate federal violation of its own law and regulations, contrived to delay my work, put hurdles and improper obstacles before me, and could be done because you do not scruple to use and abuse the raw power you can get away with exercising. This manner of conduct is more befitting other societies. It can neither be condoned nor excused in a free society. It is what Hitler and his servants did. I wish I thought it possible you people were capable of feeling shame!

Now if you did not lie to me the Archivist of the United States did, but most certainly you did not both tell the truth. It has been months since I wrote and protested the refusal of my request of January, saying precisely what you did, that the federal copy was required to be in the Archives and availble to me. Expecting the dishonesty that permeates government when a popular President is murdered, in my letter of June 2 I was quite specific: I asked for the proper form to execute under the Freedom of Information. Yours is the agency of origin and if it is not incumbent upon you to supply this, I do believe it is incumbent upon you to direct me properly. Your avoidance of thisk is but another of the disgraceful federal and Secret Service misconducts. Certaintly a prerequisite for being either Director of Assistant Director is the ability to read the language.

I now renew both requests: for a copy of the document and, if you refuse it, a citation of the authority that empowers this; and if you do not within a reasonable time provide this documentx, I renew my request for a copy of all instructions and forms required to invoke the Freedom of Information Act or a citation of the authority to refuse to do this. I am determined to not only get what I am entitled to but to make my government work, to the degree I can.

If you find this letter intemperate, then I solicit your explanation of your long delay and non-responsiveness, not for the first time. And I ask you how a bureaucrat secure in the knowledge he will be protected in his total contempt for ever decent concept of democratic government is to be made to assume his responsibilities in a society such as ours. Disgustedly, Harold Weisberg

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